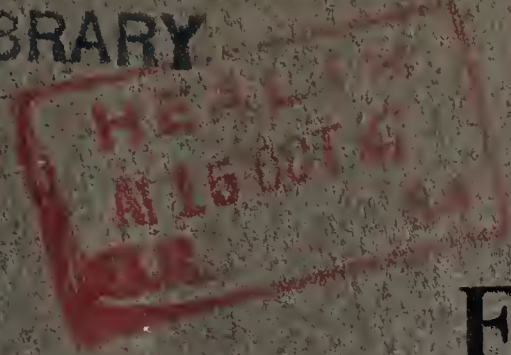


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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY
DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the thirty-sixth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the East Berks United Sanitary Districts.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The population of the United Districts, as submitted by the Registrar General, is 110,541, made up as follows: Maidenhead Borough, 25,950 Wokingham Borough, 8,221; Cookham Rural District, 12,210; East-hampstead Rural District, 20,690; Windsor Rural District, 10,650; Wokingham Rural District, 32,820.

The major vital statistics of the United Area, compared with the Country as a whole, are:

				<i>East Berks.</i>	<i>England & Wales.</i>	
Death Rate	...	...	...	11.66	...	11.5
Live Birth Rate	...	...	...	17.36	...	19.1
Still Birth Rate	...	...	...	0.36	...	0.53
Infant Death Rate	...	...	...	40.1	...	43.0
Death from Diarrhoea and Enteritis, under 2 years of age				2.6	...	4.4

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the *notification rate* per 1,000 civilian population of the more important infectious diseases, compared with the Country as a whole:

				<i>East Berks.</i>	<i>England & Wales.</i>	
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	0.02	...	0.02
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0.03	...	0.05
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0.70	...	1.38
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1.50	...	2.28
Diphtheria	...	...	...	0.20	...	0.28
Erysipelas	...	...	...	0.12	...	0.22
Smallpox	...	...	...	0.00	...	0.00
Measles	...	...	...	2.13	...	3.92
Pneumonia	...	...	...	0.55	...	0.89
Puerperal Fever	}	...	...	3.10	...	8.50
*Puerperal Pyrexia						

*Rate per 1,000 Total Births (Live and Still).

No serious epidemic occurred throughout the year, which was especially noteworthy for the marked decrease in the incidence of Scarlet Fever.

No case was refused admission to the Maidenhead Isolation Hospital either through lack of staff or facilities for treatment. Diseases other than those notifiable were also admitted.

We owe much to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service at the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, not only for their help in the diagnosis and prevention of infectious diseases, but also for their co-operation, when necessary, in the carrying out of the treatment.

If a balance sheet of health were to be drawn up for the area, it would appear that on the credit side the vital statistics generally compare very favourably with the Country as a whole. The Birth Rate, however, is low, due largely to the housing shortage. The Infant Death Rate should be much lower considering the natural advantages of the district. I feel that in future the most careful consideration should be given to this, every cause of death fully investigated, and all infant welfare schemes closely scrutinised in order to ascertain to what extent they are capable of improvement.

On the debit side of the sheet, three items stand out—the shortage of houses, the large number of cesspools, and the number of houses which still have to depend on shallow wells for their drinking water. Substantial progress is being made, however, in providing main sewers and a main water supply in the area where it is possible to provide them.

I acknowledge with gratitude the close co-operation of, and the constant kindness from, all the officials with whom I work—and the forbearance and consideration of the members of the six Councils.

I am, Gentlemen.

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. MOORE,

Medical Officer of Health.

“The Wilderness,”

Cookham Road,

Maidenhead (*Tel. No. 549*).

July, 1947.

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Maidenhead

Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,900
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	£219,142
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£878

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	25,950
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BIRTHS.

Live Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	214	191
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	32	21
Total	...	...	...	...	...	246	212

Live Birth Rate.

17.6

Still Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	8	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
Total	...	...	...	...	...	8	3

Still Birth Rate.

.38

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
328	172	156

Death Rate.

12.6

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
32	15	17

Infant Death Rate.

69.8

Maternal Deaths.

1

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

Males. Females.

Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	...	.42
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	.34
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	.08

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							172	156
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	5	9
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	7
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	16	19
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	18	13
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	52	48
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	8
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	10	6
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	8	9
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5	7
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	20	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1946, 432 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940 including those done at the schools is 4 842.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	1	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Dysentery	2	2	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)	1	0	0
Erysipelas	3	2	0
Measles	19	0	0
Malaria	1	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	0
Scarlet Fever	4	2	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	13	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Malaria ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles ...	...	-	-	2	6	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	...	-	3	-	3	1	4	2	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1942-1946.

<i>Disease.</i>					1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	1	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	15	7	1	4	3
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	18	2
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	1	1	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	1	2	2	3
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	1	1	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	21	220	2	212	19
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	7	5	3	2	1
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	7	0	7	3	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	67	162	29	25	4
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2	31	12	3	13

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below :

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 ...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 -- ...	2	5	2	3	1	—	—	—
25—35 , ...	3	6	1	—	—	3	—	—
35—45 ,, ...	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 ,, ...	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
55—65 ,, ...	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
65 and over ...	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	18	17	3	3	8	4	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 13=23.67%.

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor. Details of Staff, etc., were given in the Report for 1939 at pages 19-20.

Admissions during the Year, 1946.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Scarlet</i>		<i>Other</i>	<i>Total.</i>
	<i>Fever.</i>	<i>Diphtheria.</i>	<i>Cases.</i>	
Maidenhead U.D. ...	2	3	36	41
Wokingham U.D. ...	2	4	5	11
Cookham R.D. ...	4	2	7	13
Easthampstead R.D. ...	24	2	6	32
Windsor R.D. ...	2	4	12	18
Wokingham R.D. ...	7	6	10	23
*Windsor U.D. ...	9	1	22	32
Total, 1946 ...	50	22	98	170
„ 1945 ...	106	24	107	237
„ 1944 ...	149	18	95	262

*Includes the following cases transferred from King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor :

<i>Scarlet</i>		<i>Other</i>	<i>Total.</i>
<i>Fever.</i>	<i>Diphtheria.</i>	<i>Cases.</i>	
0	1	8	9

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.

The following is a summary of the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year :

To expectant mothers :

First visits	...	...	...	34
Total visits	...	...	...	46

To children under 1 year :

First visits	...	...	...	328
Total visits	...	...	...	2,578

To children between 1 and 5 years :

Total visits	...	...	...	2,930
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Child Life Protection.

Number of homes on register	...	...	...	9
Number of children on register	...	...	...	18

Infant Welfare Centres.

Record of attendances during the year :

		<i>Under</i>	<i>1-5</i>	<i>Total.</i>
		<i>1 year.</i>	<i>years.</i>	
(a) The Wilderness	...	2,820	1,292	4,112
(b) Burbery Hall	...	1,754	801	2,555

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of attendances during the year : 643.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the Borough continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. Fifty-two bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water, all of which were returned as satisfactory. Two chemical analyses were made, which showed the water to be pure, but hard (total hardness 28, temporary hardness 20, permanent hardness 6). Practically all the houses in the Borough are connected to the mains. One hundred and ninety-one new connections were made during the year. Of these, 181 were for domestic purposes.

The following report has been received from the Borough Surveyor.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Efforts are being made to effect the removal of all cesspools in those areas where main sewers are available, and further progress in this direction has been achieved despite the shortages of material and labour. The Council proposes at an early date, to discontinue emptying cesspools free of charge in those areas where sewers are available.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Unfortunately, the labour position has precluded any appreciable improvement in the refuse collection service and a return to regular weekly collection has not been found possible. This is a matter for concern. The fleet of vehicles engaged on this work has been augmented by the acquisition of a Dennis side loading vehicle and a new S. and D. freighter has been ordered.

Cesspools and street gullies continue to be emptied by motor vacuum tanks.

SEWAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The inadequacy of the filter capacity at the Sewage Disposal Works has made satisfactory purification of sewage a matter of some difficulty. Approval to a scheme for increasing this capacity has been given and it is hoped the constructional work will be put in hand very shortly. Even so, an appreciable portion of the sewage cannot be treated by the new plan and the land treatment areas cannot be relied upon to produce a satisfactory effluent. Some further extensions of the Sewage Disposal Works should be undertaken as soon as circumstances will permit.

Throughout the year under review, the house refuse continued to be disposed of by the composting process. The contract under which this

was done expired at the end of 1946. Some difficulties have arisen concerning a continuance of this method of disposal, largely arising from certain process patents, and until these can be resolved, house refuse is being disposed of by tipping. This in its present form is not an entirely satisfactory method of disposal, but it is controlled sufficiently to prevent nuisance. Applications of gammexene have proved very effective in controlling flies on this tip. Some further experimental and research work is being undertaken on refuse composting by Reading University, and the Council is giving facilities for this work.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH.

Following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

This summary does not include notices served under the Housing Act 1936, for which see special report under Housing Statistics.

SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	...	...	...	...	...	5,249
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	39
„ „ Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	745
„ „ Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	689
Complaints received and attended to	...	...	...	...	...	477
Drains tested with Water	...	...	...	...	...	38
„ „ „ Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	12
<i>Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :</i>						
Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	6
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	122
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	115
Defective and insufficient cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ Chimney-stacks	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Drains	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ Foul and choked W.C. pans	...	...	...	...	...	65
„ and insufficient inspection chambers	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	59
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	26
„ Flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	58
„ Grates and coppers	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ Lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	105
„ Soil and ventilating pipes	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ Water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	21

Defective Windows, skylights and doors	65
Dirty walls and ceilings	51
„ Tenants	2
„ Water-closet chambers	1
Foul and defective waste pipes	11
Insufficient light to rooms	4
„ Refuse receptacles	69
„ Ventilation to rooms	1
Leaky roofs and fillets	74
Offensive accumulations	31
Urinals improperly kept	6
Miscellaneous	49
Notification to Water Co., <i>re</i> waste of water	1
Public and private Library books disinfected	7
Rooms disinfected after—	
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	4
Tuberculosis	12
Other causes	14
School Exclusion Notices sent	5
Verminous Rooms disinfected	176
Wasps' nests destroyed	19
Other insect pests	49

LIST OF ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED AT THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Articles of Bedding ...	179	Rugs	50
Blankets	268	Cushions	46
Bolsters and Pillows ...	363	Mattresses	353
Bundles of Bedding ...	3	Miscellaneous	130
Clothing (bundles) ...	7		
„ (articles) ...	135		

BAKEHOUSES.

No. on Register	19
No. of Inspections	105
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered and remedied ...	11
Other Nuisances	3

CINEMAS.

No. of Premises	2	Nuisances discovered ...	3
No. of Inspections	28	Nuisances remedied ...	3

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—								
Wholesale producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Retail producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Retail purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licence to Pasteurise Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dealer's Retailing Licence—Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk (renewed)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86
Samples submitted to National Institute for Research in Dairying								
for examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

FACTORIES.

No. on Register—								
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
<i>No. of Inspections :</i>								
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
						<i>Defects</i>	<i>Defects</i>	
						<i>Discovered.</i>	<i>Remedied.</i>	
Want of cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—	
Unreasonable temperature	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—	
Inadequate ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—	
„ means of escape in case of fire	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
„ „ unsuitable or defective	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	

Sanitary Conveniences not separate for the sexes	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Other offences	6	6
Means of escape in case of fire provided and Certificates granted		1

FOOD PREMISES.

No. of Inspections	753
Contraventions	17

KNACKER'S YARD.

Visits for Inspection	36
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CENTRAL SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

The following is a summary of the animals slaughtered and the meat condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED.

Beasts	1,644	Pigs	52
Calves	999	Sheep	4,127

If on post-mortem examination any calf is found to be affected with tuberculosis notification is sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Animal Health Division. During the year three such notifications were forwarded and in two cases the infection was traced to its source by Ministry officials.

UNSOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned, surrendered and disposed of, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

MEAT.

Carcases and parts of Carcases :	<i>Tuberculosis.</i>	<i>Other causes.</i>	<i>Total Weight.</i>
Beasts	12,986lbs.	827lbs.	13,813lbs.
Calves	50lbs.	178lbs.	228lbs.
Sheep	—	276lbs.	276lbs.
Pigs	133lbs.	330lbs.	463lbs.
Offal :			
Beasts	9,823lbs.	7,249½lbs.	17,072½lbs.
Calves	13lbs.	47½lbs.	60½lbs.
Sheep	—	1,715½lbs.	1,715½lbs.
Pigs	32lbs.	54lbs.	86lbs.

Grand Total 33,714½lbs

Equals 15 tons 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 2½ lbs.

OTHER FOODS.

Bacon	...	...	15lbs.	Chocolate Macaroons	36
Biscuits	...	...	3lbs.	Crumpets	... 1,858
Brawn	...	...	6lbs.	Eggs	... 70
Bread	...	...	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	Fish Cakes	... 207
Bread Rolls...	...	...	131lbs.	Pies	... 35
Butter	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Potato Cakes	... 115
Butter Beans	...	...	10lbs.	Various Foods	... 1,468 tins
Cheese	...	...	39 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	„	... 141 pkts.
Chocolate	...	...	16lbs.	„	... 96 jars
Chicken	...	...	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	„	... 5 botts.
Dates	...	...	17lbs.		
Dried Peas	...	...	200lbs.		
Fish ...	...	...	2,892 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		
Flour	...	...	57lbs.		
Grapefruit Pulp	...	...	5,848lbs.		
Lard	...	...	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.		
Macaroni	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.		
Margarine	...	...	23lbs.		
Meat	...	...	322lbs.		
Oatmeal	...	...	1lb.		
Raisins	...	...	50lbs.		
Rolled Oats...	...	...	118lbs.		
Sausages	...	...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		
Semolina	...	...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.		
Split Peas	...	...	9lbs.		
Sugar	...	...	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		
Sultanas	...	...	2lbs.		
Sweets	...	...	25lbs.		

————— tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.
 9,848 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. (4 7 3 20 $\frac{1}{4}$)

RODENT CONTROL.

The Rodent Control staff of the Borough now consists of the Rodent Officer and one assistant. The reorganisation in the methods of operation and treatment on the block system referred to in previous Reports, have continued to show encouraging and beneficial results.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below.

Visits for extermination	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,118
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	346
Estimated kill	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,525
Number of bodies found	...	...	...	...	...	...	338

This total does not include the treatment of the local sewage farm where 202 bodies were picked up. The estimated kill being 1,200 rats.

Visits of inspection : Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	241
Survey	...	...	...	...	...	1,527

Treatment of the sewers were carried out twice during the year and were found to be only slightly infested, the estimated kill being not more than 20 rats.

(Signed) W. E. HARDING,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 288
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 312
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... Nil
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 186
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 121

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	6
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :						
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...				<i>Nil</i>

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	23
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :				
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	19
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...		<i>Nil</i>

C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

There is still a number of cases of serious overcrowding in the district, and whilst every effort is made to relieve the most urgent cases, little can be done in a general way until more housing accommodation is available.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,403
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,328
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£58,026
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£240

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	8,221
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	85	64
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	12	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	97	74

Live Birth Rate.

20.8.

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	3	1

Still Birth Rate.

0.48.

DEATHS.

Deaths (all Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
135	59	76

Death Rate.

20.8.

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
6	2	4

Infant Death Rate.

35

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	1	3
Non-pulmonary	—	—
Tuberculosis Death Rate.		
All Forms	...	0.48
Pulmonary	...	0.48
Non-pulmonary	...	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Female
ALL CAUSES	59	76
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	3
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	2
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	1	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	4
15. Cancer of breast	—	5
16. Cancer of all other sites	7	8
17. Diabetes	—	—
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	6	5
19. Heart Disease	21	24
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	3	2
21. Bronchitis	2	3
22. Pneumonia	5	3
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	2
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	—	—
28. Nephritis	1	—
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	—	2
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	—	1
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	3	—
35. Other violent causes	—	—
36. All other causes	7	11

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 129. Previous to 1946 there had been 1,655 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 1,784.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1946.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Diphtheria	4	4	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	7	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	0	0
Pneumonia	3	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	2	2	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	12	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65</i>
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Measles	...	—	1	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	1	1	2	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1942-46.

					1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	3	0	2	4
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1	0	1	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	8	4	0	8	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	1	4
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	1	0	0	3
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	3	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	3	41	15	3	2
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	0	12

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.		NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25	„	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35	„	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
35—45	„	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	„	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	„	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals	...	7	3	1	1	1	3	—	—

Percentage of non-notifiable cases amongst total fatal cases.—1 out of 4=25%.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Mid-Wessex Water Company of Frimley Green supply the whole area. The supply is wholesome and sufficient for the needs of the District.

An extension of the water main to serve Limmer Hill was approved. All of the houses in this area are served by shallow wells, the water of which on analysis was found to be unsatisfactory for potable purposes.

There are 62 houses served by wells in the Borough.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Borough is served by main drainage throughout the greater part of the area. Provision has been made when laying the sewers for future extension so that eventually the whole of the Borough can be served by main drainage. The sewage is treated at the purification works at Ashridge by means of septic tanks, rotary sprinklers and sand beds, and a consistently good effluent has been obtained, periodical samples being taken by the Thames Conservancy Inspectors. The old works at Bucks Copse are used on two days each week to relieve the Ashridge Works. The treatment process is the same as at Ashridge and a good effluent has been obtained throughout the year.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The only stream of importance is the Embrook which drains into the River Loddon, a tributary of the Thames. The effluents from the sewerage works discharge in this stream. No report of any pollution was received during the year. Cleansing of the stream has been carried out by the Berks War Agricultural Executive Committee.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There are 63 earth closets still in use within the Borough. This number is likely to remain fairly constant, due to the fact that the majority of the premises concerned are not readily available for connecting to a sewer.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

WET SCAVENGING.

Wet Scavenging is carried out by the Council's own apparatus and workmen, without charge where no public sewer is available ; but otherwise a nominal charge is made when the premises are within 100 feet of the sewer.

<i>Year.</i>								<i>Cesspools in Use.</i>
1930	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	645
1935	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145

The exhaustor is employed 26 days per month, the number emptied being 104, an average of 4 per day. The contents are discharged into the main sewerage system by means of a convenient manhole. Most of the premises drained to cesspools are on private roads.

Figures for 1946 are :

Number of cesspools emptying	...	...	...	...	...	861
Quantity removed	...	...	...	...	...	756,850 gallons.
(An average of 879 gallons per cesspool.)						

DRY SCAVENGING.

House Refuse is removed weekly from all properties in the Borough by means of a covered S.D. motor freighter. The refuse is deposited on low-lying land at Molly Millars Lane, and is dealt with by controlled tipping. The system is very efficient, there being no nuisance from smell, burning or rats ; the land covered is subsequently let for grazing.

Salvage is still an active pursuit of the Council. Paper is collected at the same time as the house refuse and is baled and sold.

The figures for Refuse collection are :

Number of loads collected	...	...	...	...	1,208
Cubic yards collected	...	...	...	...	8,456
Cost of Collection	...	...	...	...	£1,868 15s. 6d.
Cost per cubic yard	...	...	...	...	4s. 5d.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The following statement shows the number and nature of the inspections carried out during the year, with the results of such inspections.

Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	158
„ „ inspections and re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	188
„ „ complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	153
„ „ nuisances discovered as results of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	141
„ „ Notices served :						
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	141
Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
„ „ Prosecutions	...	..	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
„ „ premises on which nuisances were abated	...	...	...	...	...	141

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS.

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	340
Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ice Cream		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Factory Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Food and Drugs Act		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Defective W.Cs.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Rats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Grates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cafe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infectious Diesases		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Refuse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Guttering...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
D.D.T. Spraying		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Decorations...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous Nuisances			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM, 1946.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Depth in inches</i>	<i>Greatest fall in 24 hours Depth in inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of days with</i>	
				<i>.01 or more ins.</i>	<i>.04 or more ins.</i>
January ...	1.67	.48	9th	10	10
February...	2.10	.36	1st	16	14
March ...	1.16	.35	22nd	6	5
April ...	1.52	.60	29th	9	6
May ...	3.20	1.16	26th	12	10
June ...	2.49	.31	27th	17	16
July ...	2.52	.97	3rd	8	8
August ...	3.32	.80	9th	18	15
September	4.01	.79	3rd	15	14
October ...	.84	.23	26th	10	8
November	3.90	.60	23rd	20	17
December	1.76	.47	8th	11	10
	28.49			152	133

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Total Rainfall in inches.</i>		<i>Number of days with .01" or more.</i>	
1945	19.77	...	...	128
1944	19.98	...	...	136
1943	20.20	...	...	124
1942	21.81	...	...	124
1941	25.84	...	...	135
Average for 46 years	25.45	...	...	168

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Nine inspections under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, were carried out during the year.

CAMPING SITES.

There are two plots near Stanley Road used as camping sites by showmen during the winter months. Water supply is laid on and earth closets are in use. The sites are not licensed. Two other unlicensed plots were used during the year for short periods.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

The Local Authority have been negotiating for the purchase of the excellent swimming baths which have up to date been operated under private ownership.

DISINFESTATION.

Premises infested with bed bugs are sprayed with D.D.T. Zaldecide which has proved very satisfactory in combating this particular pest. In addition to treatment of infested premises the Department sprayed new Council houses before occupancy as a measure against the vermin being introduced by tenants.

SCHOOLS.

The closet accommodation in the elementary schools is inadequate and also requires to be modernised. This has been brought to the notice of the County Education Authority.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

(a) The consideration of certain groups of property with a view to effecting the necessary repairs to make them reasonably fit for habitation. Although old, these properties will still be required for living accommodation for a number of years.

(b) The compulsory provision of regulation dustbins uniformly throughout the town. (Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75.)

HOUSING.

During the year 14 Nissen huts were taken over and converted into temporary houses. The following new houses were erected during the year :

40 temporary aluminium bungalows at Binfield Road ;

6 permanent houses at Evendons Lane.

In addition, 5 houses were built by private enterprise.

Plans for additional municipal houses which have been approved include 24 houses at Embrook, 38 houses at Norreys Barn Estate and 50 Orlit houses at Waterloo Road. It is anticipated that a further 6 temporary aluminium houses will be erected on the Cross Street site.

A systematic survey of working-class houses was commenced towards the end of the year.

Essential repairs only are being asked for in all cases of unfit houses.

The number of houses at present owned by the Borough Council is 126.

Number of houses erected during the year 1946 :

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	...	46
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—		
(2) By the Local Authority	... ..	46
(2) By other bodies or persons	... ..	Nil
1. <i>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :</i>		
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... ..	189
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	340
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	... ..	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	189
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :</i>		
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers		55
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :</i>	22 Notices Served.	
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :</i>		No action

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	... ..	8
Retail Producers	... ..	4
Retail Purveyors	... ..	10

				<i>Tuberculin</i>			<i>Pasteu-</i>
				<i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited.</i>		<i>rised.</i>
No. of Producers licensed	...	...	...	2	—	—	
„ „ Retailers	...	...	...	8	—		2
„ „ Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	14

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No licences were issued in respect of the five slaughterhouses in the Borough, general slaughtering being now carried out at Ministry of Food Regional establishments.

Eight Cottagers' pigs slaughtered under licence issued by the Ministry of Food were inspected.

The following foods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	...	9½lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	526 „
Sweets	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 „
Bread	...	...	...	...	...	...	128 „
Margarine	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 „
Butter	...	...	...	...	...	...	16 „
Figs	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 „
Meat...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,016 „
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	...	212 „
Sausage meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 „

1,975½lbs.

582 tins and 456 packets of footstuffs were also destroyed.

BAKEHOUSES.

The 11 Bakehouses in the Borough were inspected and found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

Cookham
Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,615
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£102,764
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£411

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :								
Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,210

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	101	87
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	9
Total	...	...	...	...	...	112	96

Live Birth Rate.
17

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	2	4

Still Birth Rate.
0.49

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (all Causes).</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		140	67	73

Death Rate.
11.5

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		9	6	3

Infant Death Rate.
43.3

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	1	2
Non-pulmonary	—	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.24
Pulmonary	0.24
Non-pulmonary	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES	67	73
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	2	1
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	—	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	4
15. Cancer of breast	—	3
16. Cancer of all other sites	14	5
17. Diabetes	—	—
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	4	11
19. Heart Disease	19	19
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	—	3
21. Bronchitis	3	4
22. Pneumonia	1	2
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	1
25. Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	—	2
28. Nephritis	3	4
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	3	2
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	3	—
33. Suicide	3	—
34. Road traffic accident	3	1
35. Other violent causes	—	4
36. All other causes	3	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 99 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously, 1,710 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 1,809.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Diseases.</i>						<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	24	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	16	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	...	...	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	...	...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	...	...	1	1	4	3	4	5	5	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Scarlet Fever	...	...	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	-	4	2	1	3	5	1	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1942-1946.

<i>Disease.</i>					1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	3	2	2	0	2
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	12	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	3	1
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	54	145	11	206	23
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	6	5	6	3	2
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	19	58	31	16	8
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	37	23	63	20	16

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>			<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
35—45 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals ...</i>	9	3	2	2	3	2	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2. out of 5=40. %

WATER SUPPLY.

The greater part of the Rural District is serviced by water mains. There remains only a few isolated dwelling houses with wells. These are sampled regularly. Thirteen bacteriological and one chemical analyses were made during the year, all of which, with the exception of 3 bacteriological were good. These were remedied by cleansing and also by installing new storage tanks.

At Bourne End River Area there are 21 temporary houses on pumps. In the Rural District proper, there are 12 dwelling houses on pumps.

WET SCAVENGING.

Cesspool emptying is carried out in the parishes of Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham., the average emptying per premises being once a month. Four cesspool emptiers—one of 1,000 gallons capacity and 3 of 750 gallons capacity—were employed. Arrears of emptying accumulated following the very wet season and this condition was aggravated by frost in late December. In general, emptying was only 14 days in arrears at December, 1946.

DRY SCAVENGING.

This service has again not been satisfactory. The labour available has been 50% below that required, and has resulted in the working of only two vehicles.

Proposals are under consideration to provide additional labour and vehicles. Four machines, each manned by a minimum of one driver and two loaders, are required to give a reasonable service.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. K. Knowles) for the year ended 31st December, 1946 :

“ Oaklands,”
Bath Road,
Maidenhead.
(Tel. Maidenhead 252).

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.
Dear Sir,

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

A total of 5,826 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 234 complaints were received and investigated.

NOTICES AND LETTERS.

Informal	...	...	...	119	Notices complied with	...	160
Verbal	...	...	...	50	Prosecutions	...	<i>Nil</i>
Statutory	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>			

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 228.

FACORIES.

There are 43 Factories in the District. One hundred and nine visits were paid during the year ; no informal notices were served.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

See sub-heading " Slaughter Houses " under paragraph on " Meat and other Foods."

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Ninety-three visits were paid to these premises and 3 reconstructions were carried out.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage systems to 9 premises were relaid, repaired or provided, after service of notice.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Three premises were found to be infested. In 3 cases disinfestation was carried out by this Council.

SHOP INSPECTIONS.

During the year, 31 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

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AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

Plans presented for approval	...	...	...	...	...	...	161
Premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed						...	8
Notices served, Contraventions to Byelaws, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>

(Signed F. K. KNOWLES,

Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

CAMPING SITES.

There are now 19 Camping Sites in the District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four pools in this District provide for public bathing and swimming, the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 1,522
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1,753
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... 25
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 77
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 321
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 321
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*
 - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 19 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
 - B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... Nil
 - C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
 - D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Retail (Milk Shops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...					1
„ „ „ „ Pasteurised Milk	...	...					1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk	...	...					24
„ „ „ „ Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...					20
Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...			74
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	204

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

The Meat Inspectors of the Borough of Maidenhead and of the Cookham Rural District Council are working a night and week-end duty rota at the above slaughter house, so that every carcase may be inspected.

One hundred and twenty-five visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Sixteen pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had procured a licence from the Food Control Office.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :

132 lbs. Corned Beef	5 tins Pilchards
1 Sheep	8 tins Mackerel
14 lbs. Home-killed Beef	1 bott. Lemon Essence
140 lbs. Self-Raising Flour	1 tin Tomato Soup
5 tins Stewed Steak	30 tins Fish Paste
1 tin Baked Beans	1 bott. Banana Essence
420 lbs. Cut Macaroni	1 bot. Almond Essence
40 lbs. Noodles	23 bots. Rennet
50 lbs. Ground Coffee	2 tins Gravy Salt
30 lbs. Dried Milk	1 box Gravy Salt
140 bls. Long Spaghetti	26 tins Evaporated Milk
56 lbs. Cut Spaghetti	5 tins Full-Cream Unsweetened
2160 blocks Chocolate	1 tin Prem (Milk
49 lbs. Mustard	3 tins Tomatoes
24 lbs. Split Peas	4 tins Peas
28 lbs. Raisins	3 tins Milk Food
28 lbs. Dates	1 tin M. & V.
56 lbs. Chilean Beans	1 tin Sausage Meat
66 Mineral Splits	3 tins Salmon
35 jars Smoked Herring Roe	7 tins Sardines
8 tins Diced Turnips	

Easthampstead

Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,034
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,367
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	£159,044
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£650

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	20,690
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	172	147
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	11	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	183	157

Live Birth Rate.

16.4

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
Total	...	...	...	...	...	3	0

Still Birth Rate.

0.14

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	232	119	113

Death Rate

11.2

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	10	8	5

Infant Death Rate.

29.4

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	7	0
Non-pulmonary	2	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.43
Pulmonary	0.33
Non-pulmonary	0.09

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES							119	113
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	11	14
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	11	16
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	32	20
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	9	4
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	3	9
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	20	22

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 202 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 3,528 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 3,730.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Dysentery	4	0	0
Diphtheria	2	2	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Malaria	2	0	0
Measles	74	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	23	0	0
Polio-myelitis	1	1	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	31	24	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	25	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>34-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	...	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Erysipelas	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Measles	...	-	-	5	9	7	31	14	4	4	1	-	-
Polio-myelitis	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	...	1	1	1	-	2	2	2	1	4	3	2	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	...	-	-	2	1	2	14	8	1	2	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	...	4	1	3	2	2	9	2	-	1	-	-	1

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1942-1946.

<i>Disease.</i>				1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	3	1	2	29	4
Diphtheria	...	...	...	8	2	2	3	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	4	2	2	1
Malaria	...	...	...	4	50	1	1	2
Measles	...	...	...	166	129	5	229	74
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	1	0	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	12	25	22	19	23
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	2	1	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	2	0	1	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	22	62	62	24	31
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	14	20	41	21	25

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>				<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	D.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
5—15 „	—	—	3	2	—	—	1	—
15—25 „	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	—
25—35 „	1	6	—	1	1	—	—	—
35—45 „	1	2	2	1	1	—	—	—
45—55 „	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	5	10	7	5	8	—	2	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—1 out of 10=10%.

WATER SUPPLY.

Piped water is available to every Parish, and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South-West Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield). Routine monthly samples are taken of the Mid-Wessex Water Company supply and submitted for Bacteriological and Modified Chemical (Hardness) analyses to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Routine quarterly samples of the South-West Suburban Water Company supply are taken in conjunction with Windsor R.D.C., Egham U.D.C., Feltham U.D.C., Bagshot R.D.C. and Hayes and Harlington U.D.C., and submitted to the Clinical Research Association Ltd., for Bacteriological and Chemical Analyses.

<i>Source of Supply.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	(HARDNESS)		(BACTERIOLOGICAL)	
		<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>	<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>
Mid-Wessex Water Company ...	9	4	5	8	1
South-West Suburban Water Company	24	—	24	24	—

Two houses found to have an impure well water supply were connected to the mains.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

Weekly collections of house refuse and salvage was maintained during the year. Labour difficulties showed no improvement and together with vehicle breakdowns, caused some temporary lapses in the regular collection routine.

The two Motor Freighters in use have been doing continuous service since 1939 and 1943 and are showing serious evidence of wear. As there is no vehicle in reserve, any mechanical breakdown has serious conse-

quences upon collections. Consideration must be given both to major overhauls of these lorries and to the need for a new freighter.

In September, 1946, a report on Refuse Collection in the Easthampstead Rural District was submitted to the Public Health Committee setting out reorganisation of this service to give improved collection from the premises instead of from the kerbside. On receipt of this Report, a Sub-Committee was formed to investigate details and costs for full reorganisation of both the collection and disposal arrangements for refuse and salvage. A further and more detailed report was prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector by the end of 1946 but was not considered by the Sub-Committee until February, 1947.

During the summer, two seams of the Refuse Tip caught fire but were isolated from the main tip by using a bulldozer. The fire was due to insufficient covering material and careless tipping giving rise to spontaneous combustion of the refuse. Arising from a report to the Council stressing the urgency of proper supervision of the labour at the tip, Mr. E. Beaver was appointed as Working Foreman Refuse Disposal in December, 1946.

There was a marked decrease in salvage collected during 1946 with a corresponding marked increase in paper, bottles and jars appearing in the controlled tip. Not only is salvage material as urgently required as during the recent war, but disposal of refuse containing large bulks of paper, bottles and jars present difficulties which are costly in labour charges. The amount of salvage materials sold during 1946 is as follows :

				<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>			<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Paper	...	...	...	84	5	...	...	557	5	6
Textiles	...	...	...	6	19	...	...	72	15	10
Bones	...	...	...	7	10	...	...	3	7	4
Glassware	...	...	...	115	9	...	...	106	13	4
Metals	...	...	...	—	—	...	...	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	3	3	0
				—	—					
				216	5			£743	5	0
				—	—					

The piggery at Bracknell Works continues to be successfully maintained. There were 36 bacon pigs of a total weight of 320 score sent through the Ministry of Food Collecting Centre as a contribution to the Nation's bacon ration and realising £435 8s. 3d.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS
DURING THE YEAR 1946.

District Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	415
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Housing Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Infected Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Inspection of Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Market Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Interviewed Owners and Builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Drains Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Visits on Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Visits as Surveyor to Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Foundations inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Inspections during construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Properties Inspected on completion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Refuse Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Water Samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Inspections and visits for War-damaged Property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

It was found necessary to serve the following notices under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 :

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

HOUSING.

HOUSING ACT, 1946 : UNFIT HOUSES.

Despite the restrictions on building works and the consequent need for limiting action under the Housing Act in dealing with insanitary houses, it was found imperative to represent three cottages as unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense. In each case the Council decided not to make a Demolition Order but to accept an undertaking from the owner that the cottage would not be used for human habitation when the present tenants vacate the premises until the Council are satisfied that the Cottage is made fit for human habitation and cancels the undertaking.

There are many other cottages in the Rural District which call for action under the Housing Act whether for reconditioning or demolition, but until building restrictions are lifted and more new houses are available, it is not practicable to exercise the powers given to the Local Authorities under the Housing Acts.

PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAMME.

(1) *Swedish Timber Houses*.—Contracts were entered into and work begun on site preparation and erection of twenty houses at Tilehurst Lane, in June, 1946. These houses provide accommodation as follows :

- 8 houses with 3 bedrooms, living room, sitting room and kitchen ;
- 12 houses with 2 bedrooms, living room, sitting room and kitchen.

(2) *Binfield Road, Bracknell*.—Contracts were entered into and work begun on site preparation and erection of sixteen brick-built houses at this site. These houses provide accommodation as follows :

- 16 houses with 2 bedrooms, living room and kitchen.

(3) *Fernbank Road " B " Site, Ascot*.—Contracts were entered into and work begun on site preparation and erection of twelve brick built houses on this site. These houses provide accommodation as follows :

- 4 houses with 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining-recess. ;
- 8 houses with 3 bedrooms, living room, sitting room and scullery.

(4) *Sandhurst, Park Road*.—Contracts were entered into and work begun on site preparation and erection of ten houses on this site. These houses provide accommodation as follows :

- 2 houses with 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining recess ;
- 4 houses with 3 bedrooms, living room, sitting room and kitchen ;
- 2 houses with 2 bedrooms, living room and kitchen.

SELECTION OF TENANTS.

The final selection of tenants for Council Houses rests with Tenants Selection Committee—one for each Parish in the Rural District—nominated by the Housing Committee. A “points” scheme was approved by which applications could be put into an order of need for accommodation. This scheme was given a practical test in selecting tenants for the twenty houses at Binfield from a list of eighty applications requiring accommodation in Binfield. Considerable difficulty was experienced in making an equitable selection from this large number.

Following this experience, the points system was modified, new application forms designed and the administration of applications and investigations given to the Sanitary Inspectors Department.

SQUATTERS.

The former military camps at Westwick, Bagshot Road, Bracknell and Warfield Park, were occupied by “Squatters” in August, 1946. The Council took over these camps from the Military Authorities under recommendation of the Ministry of Health. Schemes were approved and works begun for converting the huts into living accommodation suitable for occupation for five years.

CIVIL BUILDING CONTROL.

There was a great increase in the volume of both office work and inspection due to Building Licensing. There were 550 licences issued for building works other than new houses. In addition to inspections and checking of specifications before issuing licences, systems of priorities were introduced for Labour Requirements (W.B.A.). Materials and components and Certificates of Essential Repair—all require careful checking of the items applied for.

FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government controlled slaughter-house in the District. Meat supplies under Ministry of Food rationing came through the Wholesale Meat Supplies Association, Reading. Home killed meat is killed and inspected at the Public Abattoir, Reading, and the Government controlled Slaughter House, Windsor. Emergency killing done in Easthampstead Rural District is inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors. Meat delivered to local butchers is inspected on request.

Considerable time is devoted to inspections at the request of the Ministry of Food and local shopkeepers, of tinned and dry goods, etc.,

either in Ministry of Food Buffer Depots or in shops. The following is a table of unsound food seized during the above inspections :

Fresh Fish	44 stones	Fruit	79 tins
Beans	42 tins	Cheese	15 lbs.
Fish (tinned)	52 tins	Syrup	2 tins
Meat Products	26 tins	Spaghetti	2 tins
Milk	184 tins	Maraconi	80 tins
Jam	9 tins	Date Pudding	2 tins
Beetroot	1 tin	Margarine	6 lbs.
Confectionery	11 lbs.	Rolled Oats	1½ lbs.
Peas	29 tins	Soups	16 tins
<i>Imported Meat</i>		<i>Home Killed.</i>	
Corned Beef	60 tins	2 Pigs (Tuberculosis)	
Corned Mutton	5 tins	1 Pig's Head (Tuberculosis)	
Bacon	5 lbs.	Beef	78 lbs.
Hindquarters Beef	158 lbs.	Liver (bovine)	15 lbs.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairy-men is shown below :

(1) Producers (Farms)	77
(2) Retailers	38
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above)	12
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above)	18
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences	3
(6) Pasteurised Supplementary Licences	6

RODENT CONTROL.

By direction of the Ministry of Food in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Agriculture and Fisheries, Local Authorities were required to undertake a drive for the extermination of rats and mice from the " built-up " areas in their Districts. The same work for agricultural lands and premises being the duty of the War Agricultural Executive Committees.

Easthampstead Rural District and Windsor Rural District were made a "workable area" for this service and for that purpose appointed Mr. A. E. Day as Rodent Officer. Mr. Day allots his time by working two weeks in Easthampstead Rural District and one week in Windsor Rural District alternately. During the year Mr. Day has carried out his duties very tactfully and conscientiously with good results. The following is a summary of his work during the year for Easthampstead Rural District :

Premises visited <i>re</i> complaints	...	...	...	...	...	227
Premises visited <i>re</i> Survey	...	...	...	...	...	193
Premises now considered free from infestations	...	...	...	...	...	48
Infestations transferred to B.W.A.E.C.	...	...	...	...	...	—
Visits made for disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	956
Premises re-inspected after disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	132
Verified catches of rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	1,709
Estimated destroyed by gassing and poison baiting	...	...	...	...	...	1,735
Premises considered clear	...	...	...	...	...	112

The methods used are poison baits, poison gas, trapping, ferrets and snares.

Windsor Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,706
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£128,709
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£512 7 9

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :								
Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,650

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	97	86
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	10	3
Total	...	...	...	...	...	107	89

Live Birth Rate.
18.4

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.18.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		126	59	67

Death Rate.
11.8.

<i>Infants Deaths.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		7	2	5

Infant Death Rate.
35.7.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

					Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	1	0
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.09
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.09
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.00

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							59	67
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	1	8
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	6	5
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	19	17
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	9	9

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 165 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,700, which makes a grand total of 1,865.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1946.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	2	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	4	4	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethergica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	95	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	0	1
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	9	3	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	11	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	29-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal Fever		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Malaria ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles ...	...	-	5	9	6	7	60	6	2	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia													
Neonatorum	...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	-	-	-	1	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	-	-	3	-	1	6	-	-	1	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1942-1946.

<i>Disease.</i>		1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	...	2	0	0	1	2
Diphtheria ...	...	1	4	3	1	4
Dysentery ...	...	22	14	3	99	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	1	0	0	0	1
Erysipelas ...	...	1	1	2	2	2
Malaria ...	...	0	0	0	0	1
Measles ...	...	67	232	50	46	95
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	2	2	2	1	2
Pneumonia ...	...	6	6	5	4	9
Polio-encephalitis	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis ...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	3	5	2	4	1
Scarlet Fever ...	...	9	56	34	23	9
Smallpox ...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	29	52	20	7	11

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health

Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1946.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>			NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
			<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„	...	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
15—25	„	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	„	...	5	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
35—45	„	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	„	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	„	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	...	...	6	2	1	3	2	—	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District was given at length in the Report for 1937 at page 194, which need not be repeated as the conditions remain unchanged, and further comments were added in the Report for 1938 at page 202. By an arrangement with the six Districts in this neighbourhood on the same supply, samples from service pipes are taken periodically in rotation and the results of the analysis circulated.

Under the combined sampling arrangements, operating between neighbouring Authorities, 24 Analyst's Reports were received during 1946, on samples of water taken from the public supply. In no case was the water judged to be unfit for drinking purposes. Four of the samples were taken in the Windsor Rural District.

The whole of this District is serviced by the South West Suburban Water Company. One mansion in Sunningdale bored its own supply during the war as an emergency measure, but this is in process of being re-connected to the Company's Mains.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous Reports under this heading and need not be repeated.

During the year under review, the Ministry of Health held a Public enquiry into the question of providing sewers in the Parish of Old Windsor, which is at present without main drainage. Approval to a proposed sewerage scheme has since been given, and it is probable that the work will be begun in 1948. A third cesspool-emptying machine is now employed full time in the Parish of Old Windsor with beneficial effect.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, i.e., emptying of cesspools, is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the 18 houses which have not yet been connected to the public Sewer. There are in addition, a number of premises in adjacent area contiguous to the boundaries of this District, which are given service if local calls permit.

Dry Scavenging, i.e., the removal of house refuse is carried out in all three Parishes and a separate salvage collection is made in Sunninghill and Sunningdale Parishes. A weekly collection of refuse is carried out in the two latter Parishes and a ten-day service operates in Old Windsor.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1946, is reproduced below.

Council Offices,
Bowden Road, Sunninghill.
(Tel. Ascot 893.)

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health,

Dear Sir,

I submit hereunder a brief account of the Public Health work carried out in Windsor Rural District during 1946.

"Housing" has been the principal activity under three headings—"New," "Conversions," "Repairs"—and further references are made

under appropriate headings elsewhere in the Report. The Department has been responsible to the appropriate Committee of the Council for all matters relative to the selection of tenants for "new" and "converted" premises. The Register of applicants at the end of the year contained 505 names. Every case is inspected before submission to the Committee. During 1946, 58 families were re-housed from premises which were overcrowded (on either bedroom or Housing Act Standard) or "Sub-standard." Special attention is also paid to cases under Court Order to quit.

The whole of the Council's existing Housing Schemes were decorated externally and 85% redecorated internally by the end of the year under review.

Inspections and Notices relative to "private" Housing are referred to in appropriate paragraphs.

Under Civil Building Control, 340 Licences and 58 Essentiality Certificates were issued covering works estimated to cost £49,456 14s. 7d. The work entailed under this heading, both clerical and technical, increases rather than diminishes and constitutes heavy burden on local administration.

Water Supplies and Refuse and Sewage Disposal are separately referred to in the text of the Report. All Water Samples have proved satisfactory and the District has a piped internal supply in all Parishes.

Milk Supplies have been regularly sampled—a total of 47 being taken during the year for Bacteriological examination, and while isolated bad results have been obtained, the general standard of purity, as judged by the Methylin Blue Test, remain satisfactory. A large proportion of supplies in this District are delivered by one Company and comprise Pasteurised milk.

The District is essentially residential and Factories and Workshops are confined to the smaller type, not infrequently associated with the owner's dwelling place. The same applies to shop premises with the addition of three Multiple Stores. The health, cleanliness and sanitary accommodation requirements of the Factory and Shops Act, are satisfactorily complied with.

While no major infestation exists in the District, good work has been done during the year by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. One hundred and fifty-eight premises were treated with gas and traps and the Council's Refuse Tip received systematic attention.

I beg to record my sincere appreciation of the loyal and efficient support of my colleagues and of another year's service under your own most helpful leadership.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :

Dwelling houses(Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	225
Drainage work	...	...	25
Infectious disease	...	...	45
Cowsheds and dairies	...	...	16
Factories and workshops	...	...	12
Shop premises	...	...	28
Food stores (others)	...	...	24
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	...	...	6
Water courses	...	...	4
Water supply	...	...	5
Council houses	...	...	278
Food sampling	...	...	52
NOTICES.			

Forty-six written Notices were served during the year excluding verbal intimations and follow-up letters, and including 8 Statutory Notices. The latter were not complied with by the end of the year and the work has since been done in default.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Sanitary Inspector.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1946.

The following is a summary of Building activities, etc., during the year ended 31st December, 1946 :

Plans deposited during 1946 :

	<i>Approved.</i>		<i>Rejected.</i>	
New buildings	...	46	...	4
Alterations and additions	...	34	...	2
Change of user	...	4	...	0
Drainage	...	5	...	0
Lay-out	...	3	...	1
Inspections made	...	81	...	0

It will be seen that, in spite of Licensing a considerable move was made in private building work of various kinds during 1946.

There has been no diminution in the clerical work attaching to Civil Building Control, on the contrary, more and more certificates appear to be necessary before any progress can be made.

Apart from inspections of work for which plans are needed, 340 Building Licences were issued during the year for work estimated to cost £29,728 11s. 5d., excluding the issue of 14 Licences for the erection by private enterprise of small dwellings. In 90% of these cases the proposed work is inspected before Licences are issued, in addition to inspections made as the work proceeds.

The foregoing applies to private enterprise building work. The Council's direct housing responsibility at the end of 1946 involved a scheme for 56 houses at South Ascot, and conversion and/or maintenance of 80 separate requisitioned premises and the maintenance of 88 pre-war permanent work entailed in connection with requisitioned properties is referred to elsewhere in this report.

RE-HOUSING.

At the end of 1946, the Council held under Requisitioning Powers, 80 properties, ranging from single 3-bedroomed cottages to properties of the 10 and 12-bedroomed type and including an encampment of 16 Army huts.

These properties had potential housing accommodation for 146 families, and at the end of the year 114 were in actual occupation, although not all had " moved in " during the year under review.

Following requisitioning, the properties are inspected and a schedule of works drawn up for their reconditioning and/or conversion into an appropriate number of separate tenements of 1, 2 and 3-bedroom type. Each tenement is arranged as a separate entity as far as structural restrictions will allow, and includes sleeping, living, kitchen, bathroom and W.C. accommodation for each family unit. Gas cooking facilities, electric lighting and main water supply are " standard " services.

During the year, 239 visits were made to these properties in connection with reconditioning and conversion work while 306 " enquiry inspections " were made in the preparation of Reports on the existing homes of re-housing applicants. In December, 1946, the Council appointed Miss F. E. M. Kissack as Re-housing Assistant, with the object of giving specialised attention to this aspect of the Department's work.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,

Building Inspector.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

The reference under this heading, on page 56 in the 1945 Report, still holds good. The storage and disposal of trade refuse is a matter which has received considerable attention and an effort is made to accommodate traders in the matter of disposal at the Council's refuse tip. In many cases it seems mutually helpful for the traders to do their own cartage in this connection, provided they can arrange this during the normal working hours of the Council's manual staff.

CAMPING SITES.

There are two Licensed Sites in the District for the accommodation of movable dwellings. As frequently happens during immediate post-war years, this type of dwelling appears to be on the increase, and in view of the acute housing difficulties the problem is not easy to handle. So far, no actual nuisance has arisen and, in fact, some improvement in the matter of sanitary accommodation at one of the sites is in hand at the moment.

The temporary licensing of non-permanent structures at Ham Island for Winter occupation was continued during the Winter 1946-47 (see page 59, 1945 Report).

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The major problems under the above heading, i.e., Scavenging at Friary Island and the sewerage of the Parish of Old Windsor, are still outstanding, although, as stated elsewhere in the Report, the latter question has now been settled in principle by Ministry of Health approval to a Sewerage Scheme following a Public Enquiry held during the year under review.

The question of Friary Island is still one unlikely of settlement except within the scope of boundary changes, although provisional arrangements with the neighbouring Authority for the clearing of dry refuse and emptying of cesspools at some of the premises is proving satisfactory as a temporary measure.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	94
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	225

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	...	...	...	38
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...				83
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation						<i>Nil</i>
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...			94
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :</i>						
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers						73
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :</i>						
A. <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>						
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	8
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :						
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...				<i>Nil</i>
B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</i>	...	...	...	...		<i>Nil</i>
C. <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>						
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.</i>						
(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year						33
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...				140

One agricultural cottage, the subject of a certificate (under Order in Council dated July 2nd, 1940) allowing its use as a dwelling, as a war-time measure, continues to be occupied.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the District have been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.

The following articles have been examined and voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food, in all possible cases the foods are used for animal feeding stuffs :

<i>Canned Products.</i>				<i>Fresh Products.</i>			
Milk	...	...	80 tins	Cheese	...	...	4 lbs.
Pork and Beans	...	...	30 tins	Meat	...	...	14 lbs.
Meat...	...	...	47 tins	Fish	...	...	873 lbs.
Fish ...	...	...	69 tins				
Miscellaneous	...	...	34 tins				
<i>Dried Products.</i>							
Cereals	...	...	...	...	...	...	88 lbs.

Wokingham
Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,004
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£286,900
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,046

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :								
Population at middle of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,820

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	263	245
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	15	23
Total	...	...	...	...	...	278	268

Live Birth Rate.
16.6.

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	7	8
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	7	8

Still Birth Rate.
0.45.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (all Causes).</i>			
	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	328	177	151

Death Rate.
10.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>			
	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	13	9	4

Infant Death Rate.
23.8.

Maternal Deaths.

1.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

						Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
Tuberculosis Death Rate.							
All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.24
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							177	151
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	27	7
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	13	21
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	50	46
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	7	3
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	7	5
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	3	8
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	6	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	9	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	18	21

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 221 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 4,592, making a grand total of 4,813.

The following table summarises the position in regard to notifiable infectious diseases during the year :

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	6	6	0
Dysentery	5	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	7	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	17	4	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	0
Pneumonia	23	0	2
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	22	9	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	95	0	1

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1946.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	...	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	2
Measles	...	1	3	4	1	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	1	2	5	11
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	1	1	8	6	2	4	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	7	8	9	8	15	37	9	1	1	—	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1942-1946.

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>1942.</i>	<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>	<i>1946.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	2	1	2	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	6	12	17	9	6
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	3	5
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	1	3	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	5	10	11	7
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	2	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	58	408	15	442	17
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	0	1	0	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	67	27	26	18	23
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	1	0	2	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	3	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	106	134	104	34	22
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	30	43	70	23	95

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
5—15 „ ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	2	4	—	—	1	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
35—45 „ ...	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
<i>Totals ...</i>	19	12	—	2	4	3	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

COUNCIL'S AREA OF SUPPLY.

A great deal has been accomplished during the year in spite of very difficult circumstances with regard to shortages of labour, materials and staff.

The first scheme of main extensions of 11,150 yards of 3in. and 4in. mains is more than half completed, German prisoner of war labour having been utilised for excavation. The preparation of the second scheme is well advanced and almost ready for submission to the Ministry of Health. The scheme for supplying the Farley Hill area was prepared and has been submitted to the Ministry of Health ; this scheme included four miles of 8in., 6in., 4in. and 3in. mains, reinforced concrete water tower of 50,000 gallons capacity and a boosting station. The new reservoir of two and two-third million gallons capacity has also been completed and is ready for submission for loan sanction—favourable observations from the County Council on the scheme under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, having been received.

The next most urgent requirement, and one of the greatest importance, is the provision of a new pumping main from Sheeplands Pumping Station to Bowsey Hill Reservoir. The work of preparing this scheme is delayed because of the continued shortage of technical staff and the great pressure of work on the Department.

During the year, the total amount of water supplied and pumped was 352 million gallons. The demand for water continues to increase and the execution of main drainage is likely to accelerate it. Four miles of new mains were laid, bringing the total mileage now in use to approximately 112, and 141 new connections were made.

MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY'S AREA OF SUPPLY.

An extension of the Mid-Wessex Company's main was made during the year at Carter's Hill, Wokingham Without, to afford a supply to a brickfield and ten properties.

This Water Company have also been instructed by the Council to carry out main extensions in the undermentioned roads, and it is expected that all these extensions will be completed before the Summer of 1947.

Warren Lane	Finchampstead
Nine Mile Ride,	„
Portion of Commonfield Lane,	„
Dell Lane,	„
Hollybush Ride,	„
Barkham Ride Extension,	„
Kiln Ride,	Wokingham Without
Tintagel Road,	„ „
Portion of Finchampstead Road,	„ „
Barkham Ride,	„ „

OVERGROUND SUPPLY PIPES IN THE MID-WESSEX COMPANY'S AREA.

Supplies are still being maintained by the Council's Water Department and mains are to be provided to replace these overground pipes in certain cases. It has also been decided to lay underground mains in Holly Bush Ride and Barkham Ride, Finchampstead.

Apart from the fact that the overground pipes are unsatisfactory and unusable during frosty weather, they are costly to maintain and the whole of the cost for the supply, maintenance and water charges are being borne by the Council.

STATISTICS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

			<i>No. of Dwelling Houses.</i>	<i>No. on R.D.C. Main Water Supply.</i>	<i>No. on other Companies Main Water Supplies.</i>	<i>No. not on Main Water.</i>
Arborfield	...	...	127	96		31
Barkham	...	...	206	100		106
Earley	...	...	1,390	799	548 Reading Borough Waterworks.	43
Finchampstead	...	...	573	4	380 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	189
Newland	...	...	87	37		50
Remenham	...	...	137	28	58 Henley Water Co.	51
Ruscombe	...	...	152	110		42
St. Nicholas Hurst	...	...	335	187		148
Shinfield	...	...	944	839		105
Sonning	...	...	288	255		33
Swallowfield	...	...	465	257		208
Twyford	...	...	443	414		29
Wargrave	...	...	724	654		80
Winnersh	...	...	609	502		107
Wokingham Without...			795	4	644 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	147
Woodley & Sandford...			1,719	1,483		236
			9,004	5,769	1,630	1,605

* Includes approximately 160/170 houses with standpipe supply available.

The following bacteriological examinations of water supplied by the Council's Undertaking were made during the year ended 31st March, 1947 :

- (1) Raw water—57 tests :
 42 Satisfactory.
 8 Passable.
 7 Unsatisfactory.

(2) Treated water—83 Tests :

81 Satisfactory.

2 Passable.

0 Unsatisfactory.

During the year 176 new connections were made and approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of 6in. main was laid in various parts of the District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The year has been notable in that the first portion of the Main Drainage Scheme prepared by the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Howard Humphreys and Son, has been commenced, using German prisoner of war labour. The section of the scheme sanctioned by the Ministry of Health includes the sewerage of the Erleigh Court area and Sonning, North and South of the Great Western Railway, and contiguous to the western boundary of the District. There are two pumping stations and also a new sewage works at Sonning. The execution of works to alleviate the very serious conditions in the Mill Lane, Woodley area, should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

Work carried out by direct labour during the year includes the provision of a new automatic electric pumping station, rising main and gravity sewer to take sewerage from the Crescent area to a temporary works at Silverdale Road enabling one of the irrigation sites to be disposed with. A scheme for sewerage Braybrook Road, Wargrave, has been prepared and is ready for submission for sanction, also a scheme for sewers and works for existing Council Houses and some private dwellings at Hurst Road, Twyford. Sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for new Council housing sites have entailed a very great deal of work. Schemes for these sites are in progress at Hurst and Twyford, whilst those for Shinfield and Winnersh are ready. The policy of drainage of private houses erected by estate developers has been continued and two tanks of a new design have been constructed. Great difficulty has been experienced in getting these schemes completed and the arrangements are not therefore yet fully effective at the sites of those at Mustard Lane, Woodley, and Old Bath Road, Twyford.

WET SCAVENGING.

One new cesspool emptier was supplied by Messrs. Dennis Bros. Ltd., during the year and two more should shortly be supplied. In general the wet scavenging service has shown an improvement due to a rather better

position in obtaining spare parts and in having repairs executed. The waiting lists of cesspools to be emptied have in all months been substantially less than in the previous year. The number of cesspools emptied during the year is 14,241.

DRY SCAVENGING.

The collection of salvage and refuse has been maintained during the year on a fortnightly basis throughout the whole of the District. The labour position has eased somewhat, but the Council's vehicles are showing signs of excessive wear. It is proposed to renew two vehicles early in 1947, and a return to normal weekly collection in the urban parts of the District is anticipated next year.

A Chaseside Light Excavator was delivered during December and it is anticipated that this will more than carry out the excavation and loading of covering material, thus releasing labour for the additional collections of refuse.

The increased work on the tips has been very successful. No complaints regarding crickets have been received during the past year and the condition of the Council's tips at The Wee Waif, Twyford ; School Green, Shinfield ; Dunt Lane Pond, Hurst ; and the Depot at Winnersh, is now considered satisfactory.

During the year approximately 16,050 yards of refuse were disposed of. The amount of salvage disposed of was 301 tons 5 cwts. and the value of same £1,390.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector for the year 1946.

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, Berks.
March, 1947.

Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health,
"The Wilderness," Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The total number of visits made during the year was 3,673, apportioned as below. This number does not include work carried out under the Rural Housing Survey mention of which is made elsewhere in this Report.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	357
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	213
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	131
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	209
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	146
„ „ „ „ „ drainage	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ „ samples of well water analysed	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ „ „ „ „ milk taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	117
„ „ visits to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	...	572
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	73
„ „ „ in connection with squatters	...	...	...	...	...	21
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	...	28
„ „ „ to shop premises under Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	115
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ „ „ to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	34
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	196
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	355
„ „ carcasses of pigs inspected slaughtered privately	...	...	...	...	...	108
„ „ visits to schools	...	...	...	...	...	33
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,543
„ „ premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	...	...	...	...	...	20

Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :

Absence of satisfactory water supply	...	...	...	...	...	37
Defective well water pumps	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ covers to wells	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ drainage systems	...	...	...	...	...	40
„ cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ water closets	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ manhole covers	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ E.C. accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	6
Absence of lavatory accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	4
Insanitary sinks	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dangerous structures	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dirty walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	27
Defective plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	36
„ roofs	...	...	...	...	...	35
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	42

Defective flooring	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
„ hot water installations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ cooking ranges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ window frames and sashes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
„ eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ coppers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ chimney stacks and flues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ door frames and sills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Absence of washing accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective brickwork and pointing of walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ staircases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ firegrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dirty tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Surface water flooding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

One notification of suspected cases was received under this Order, but this was not subsequently confirmed.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDER, 1928.

No notifications were received during the year under this Order.

WATER SAMPLES.

Fifty-four samples of water were taken for bacteriological analysis from private wells in various parts of the District, and the results may be classified as under :

Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Passable	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26

Appropriate action was taken with regard to the unsatisfactory samples by having the main supply laid on where available.

FOOD INSPECTIONS.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	137
Retail Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

*Tuberculin Accredited. Pasteurised.
Tested.*

Number Licensed—							
Producers	...	...	...	32	30	Nil	
Producers and Retailers	...			3	7	Nil	
Distributors (Retail Purveyors)				7	Nil	3	
Supplementary	...	...	...	3	Nil	3	
Total number of Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	163
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	196

MILK SAMPLING.

During the year under review 117 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination. These are classified as given in the following table :

				<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Non-Designated Milk	...	...	...	40	25
Tuberculin-tested Milk	...	...		1	Nil
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	3	Nil
Accredited Milk	...	...	...	3	Nil

SCHOOL SAMPLES.

				<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Non-Designated Milk	...	...	...	10	8
Tuberculin-tested Milk	...	...	...	2	1
Accredited Milk	...	...	...	3	5
Pastuerised Milk	...	...	...	13	3

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 16 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	...	...	5
„ „ „ remedied	...	...	4

BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

Three hundred and thirty-five visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UN SOUND FOOD.

Beef (English)	...	567 lbs.	Meat	...	...	26 tins
Beef (Imported)	...	230 „	Fish	...	...	18 „
Offal (English)	...	31½ „	Peas	...	...	7 „
Offal (Imported)	...	10 „	Beans	...	...	6 „
Suet (English)	...	35 „	Various Foodstuffs			74 „
Bacon	...	91½ „	Jam	...	...	2 „
Fish	...	51 „	Milk	...	...	208 „
Corned Beef	...	618 „	Eggs	...	...	12 „
Tinned Tongue	...	6 „				
Cheese	...	11 „				
Bread	...	182 „				
Confectionery	...	86½ „				
Raisins	...	30 „				

17 cwts. 45½lbs.

The carcasses of 108 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

RODENT CONTROL.

Wokingham Borough and this Rural District have established a workable area and the staff consists of three Rodent operators.

During the middle of the year the work was re-organised and treatment on the block control system came into operation. Survey and disinfection under this system was almost completed in the Borough of Wokingham, together with parts of three parishes in this Rural District.

A comprehensive Report will be issued for the year 1947.

HOUSING.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Total plans deposited	...	...	...	...	...	...	382
No. of plans for new dwellings or additional units of accommodation							113
No. of plans rejected for various defects under Byelaws, Public Health Act, 1936, or Water Act, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
No. of plans rejected under the Town and Country Planning Acts							26
No. of dwellings erected by Private Enterprise and occupied						...	59

No. of dwellings under construction by Private Enterprise on
31st December, 1946 50

In March, 1946, a ban was imposed by the Minister of Health against the issue, by the Council, of further licences for the erection of houses by Private Enterprise except with the prior approval of the Ministry. In a few cases involving exceptional hardship, approval was obtained and licences issued.

CONTROL OF CIVIL BUILDING.

No. of licences issued during the year for repairs and maintenance ...	1,542
No. of licences refused	138
Value of work licensed	£76,072
No. of certificates of essentiality issued	124

Licensing work generally has thrown a heavy and responsible duty on the Council's Technical Staff. In almost every case an inspection of the property concerned is made and negotiations with owners or builders for the modification of specifications and costs submitted, have to be undertaken.

Considerable time has to be spent on the checking of quantities and the issue of materials priority certificates and in the actual wording of licences which must be carefully framed. Several instances of licensing infringements were reported to the Ministry of Works during the year, but in no case was legal action taken.

COUNCIL' HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The position on the 31st December, 1946, was :

No. of new permanent Council Houses completed	<i>Nil</i>
No. of new Council Houses in course of erection	28
No. of sites on which construction has been commenced	5
No. of dwellings in contracts signed, exclusive of above	98

The position on the 30th April, 1947, was :

No. of new permanent Council Houses completed	12
No. of new permanent Council Houses in course of erection	41

The Council decided against the erection of temporary dwellings, but they have had transferred to them three ex-service camps, containing huts, which have been adapted for temporary housing purposes, and affording accommodation for 56 families.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

With reference to the survey mentioned in my Report for 1945, page 70, it was not found possible to complete this preliminary inspection of dwelling houses during the year. Substantial progress was, however, made and the Sanitary Inspector's Department have now only parts of two parishes out of the sixteen to survey, in order to be in a position to forward the Return requested to the Ministry of Health.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1936.

No grants were made under this Act during the year.

REQUISITIONED HOUSES.

Seventy-one properties were occupied under licence at 31st December, 1946. In addition, 3 Service Camps were requisitioned at Upper Culham and Victoria Road, Wargrave, and at Arborfield Hall. Alterations and adaptations had to be made to nearly all the huts. This work was not completed at the end of the year, so it was only possible to accommodate 21 families.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year* :
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)... ... 223
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 350
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 2
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 13
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 170

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 119

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners ... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 11

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners ... 5

(b) By Local Authority in default ... Nil

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936...* Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 25

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 48

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 189½

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... 22

(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	7
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	57½
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	1
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	<i>Nil</i>

In last year's report it was anticipated there would be an increase in cases of overcrowding. The number of new cases has risen from 4 to 22. There are doubtless many other cases of overcrowding existing which have not been brought to our notice.

